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Shortage of Bulletproof Jackets
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of bulletproof jackets and helmets for police personnel in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the total number of police personnel who lost their lives during encounter with terrorists due to shortage of bulletproof jackets and supply of sub-standard jackets, State-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) the number of bulletproof jackets and helmets demanded by the States, State-wise including Maharashtra; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to purchase/provide light weighted bulletproof jackets and helmets as per international standard to all the State police personnel and particularly to those deployed at borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Police is a State subject and therefore the State Governments are supposed to provide all required items including bullet proof jacket and helmets to their Police personnel based on requirement. Government has been making provisions for improved
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versions of bulletproof jackets and bulletproof helmets for CAPFs keeping in view the approved Qualitative Requirements (QRs) and International Standards. As per available records, no incident of loss of life of CAPFs personnel during encounter with terrorists/militants can be attributed to shortage/sub-standard quality of bullet proof jackets/helmets. The Data in respect of States is not maintained in the Ministry of Home Affairs. But specifically Maharashtra State Police have informed that there is a shortage of 5000 number of bullet proof jackets and 1500 number of bullet proof helmets for which they have initiated procurement process.
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